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2000 Command

Refer to Section 2000 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan

2100 Unified Command

Refer to Section 2002 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan

2100.1 Local Government Representative in the Unified Command

An oil spill in the San Francisco Bay poses significant challenges due to the Bay's unique environmental setting, economic activity and political sensitivity. Local governments require the ability to address operational coordination and policy issues as part of their statutory obligations to protect life, property and the environment.

Should a spill occur in or near the San Francisco Bay, the FOSC shall evaluate the nature and severity of the spill, jurisdictions that may be affected, potential for public involvement, and the need for local agency support. The FOSC may exercise the option to appoint a Local Government On Scene Coordinator (LGOSC) as a participant in the Unified Command (UC) (see figure 2). Local governments may request appointment of a LGOSC via the SOSC utilizing the coordination procedures outlined under the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Emergency Coordination Plan (RECP).

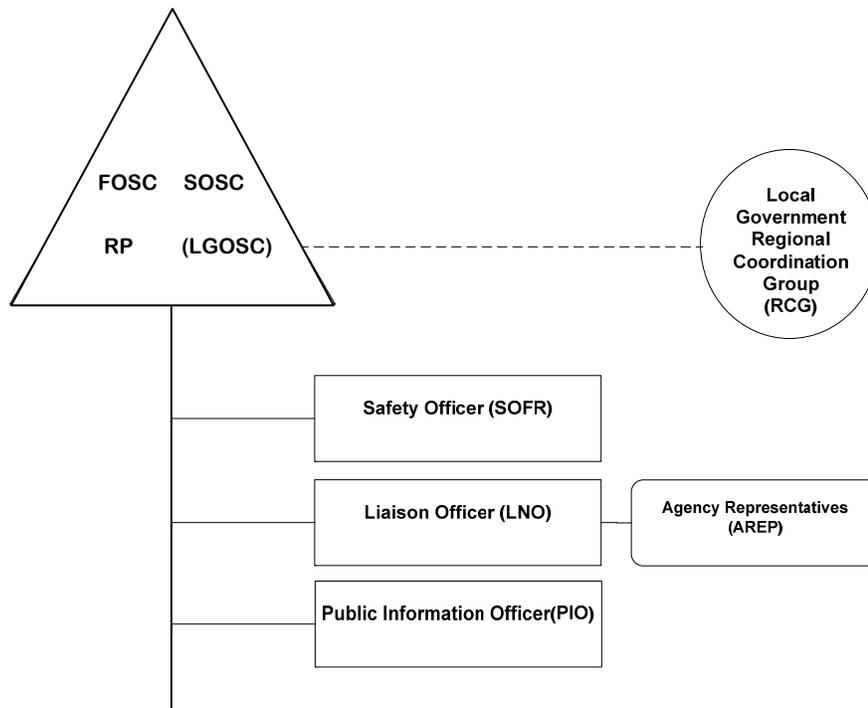


Figure 2 – Local Government On Scene Coordinator as member of UC

Utilizing the procedures outlined in the Bay Area RECP, local governments may establish a Local Government Regional Coordination Group (RCG). The RCG shall nominate a representative from among its member agencies to serve as the LGOSC and Deputy or Assistant LGOSC as part of the UC. A summary of the RECP selection process,

recommended LGOSC certification guidelines and basic LGOSC duties and responsibilities are listed below.*

The LGOSC will present the RCG's concerns and viewpoints to the UC, provide the UC with pertinent information on the availability of local resources, and address information distribution, operational coordination and policy issues with the UC. The Deputy or Assistant LGOSC will ensure the LGOSC is informed of ongoing RCG issues and that the RCG is informed of UC actions.

Agency representatives will continue to operate under the Liaison Officer (LNO) in their usual role. Additional local government representatives may serve as needed in Incident Command Post (ICP) positions. An LNO and/or Agency Representative (AREP) may identify a situation which requires LGOSC attention. In these cases, the LNO can elevate the issue to the LGOSC via UC briefings or messages.

Incorporation of this provision in the Sector San Francisco Area Contingency Plan (ACP) relies upon the authorities and agreements specified in the California State approved RECP. Final approval authority with regard to the over arching threshold requirements for the statutory and certification qualifications of the LGOSC residing in UC will rest with the FOSC and SOSC.

* LGOSC Selection

Per the RECP, a Regional Coordination Group (RCG) may be established by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) Director. The RCG will consist of representatives from Operational Areas in the RECP. .

The RCG will select individuals to serve as LGOSC and Deputy or Assistant LGOSC from among its member agencies. Depending on the nature of the incident and the availability of qualified individuals, the RCG may also select LGOSCs or Deputy or Assistant LGOSCs from outside its member agencies. As conditions permit, the names and qualifications of individuals selected to serve as LGOSC will be forwarded to the FOSC and SOSC for review.

LGOSC Qualifications

LGOSCs should meet the following professional education, certification, and competencies requirements which include those identified in OSHA regulations (29 CFR 1910.120(q)(6)(v)) for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response - Incident Commander:

- ICS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System
- ICS 200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System
- ICS 310 Intermediate Incident Commander
- ICS 400 Advanced Incident Command System
- ICS 700 NIMS: An Introduction
- ICS 701 Multi-Agency Coordination Systems (MACS)

- ICS 703 NIMS Resource Management
- ICS 800b National Response Framework – An Introduction
- Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) Field Module
- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER), Operations Level (24 hour)
- EROS Environmental Response to Oil Spills

Competencies include:

- 40 hours experience serving in a command or general staff position in an IC or EOC environment. This could include field-level IC, EOC Director or Section Chief, or Oil Spill ICP AREP.
- Demonstrated understanding of the San Francisco Area Contingency Plan (ACP) and participation in oil spill drills.
- Demonstrated understanding of the RECP, the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) and Lempert-Keene Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act.
- Familiarity with the San Francisco Area Committee and its member organizations and agencies.
- Familiarity with the United States Coast Guard, Incident Management Handbook (IMH).

LGOSC Duties / Responsibilities

The LGOSC will operate under the authorities and policies outlined in the RECP. Upon appointment, the LGOSC no longer serves as a representative of their agency or jurisdiction but instead represents the responsibilities and interests of all cities, towns, special districts, and county governments in the affected areas. Specifically, the LGOSC will:

- Provide input to UC regarding Local Government resources and concerns
- Facilitate deployment of Local Government resources as needed
- As possible, obtain input from RCG
- Relay policy issues and status to RCG
- Participate as a member of UC

2110 Command Representatives

[Refer to Section 2003 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2120 Guidance for Setting Response Objectives

[Refer to Section 2006 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2130 General Response Priorities

[Refer to Sections 1002.02.8 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2200 Safety

Refer to [Section 2003.01.3 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2210 Site Characterization

Refer to [Section 4014 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2220 Site Safety Plan

Refer to [Section 2003.01.3\(a\) of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2300 Information

See [section 2003.01.1 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#) for additional information.

2310 Protocol for Access/Timing of Media Briefings

See [Section 9720.41 of this plan](#) for protocol checklist.

See [section 2003.03 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#) for additional information.

2320 Joint Information Center (JIC) Formation

During a major oil spill where media activity is expected to last several days, the lead Information Officer (IO) should establish a Joint Information Center (JIC) to coordinate the Public Affairs activities of participating agencies and parties. The role of the JIC is to:

- 1 Provide multiple phone lines for incoming calls, staffed by knowledgeable individuals;
- 2 Ensure State and Federal government Public Affairs Officers (PAOs) are available to the media;
- 3 Develop and produce joint news releases under the Unified Command, which must be approved by all members of the Unified Command and provide copies to the Unified Command and each Section of the ICS;
- 4 Schedule, organize, and facilitate news conferences;

It is recommended that the JIC be in the same building as the Command Center, but in a room separate from other sections. PAOs need to be close to the UC and other sections for effective communication flow, but not so close as to disturb response operations.

Equipment needs for the JIC vary, dependent on the size and impact of the incident, and media and public interest levels.

If possible, a separate "Press Room" should be established for reporters' use, at spills that attract a great deal of media interest. This room may be used by reporters covering the story, and would ideally be equipped with several phone lines and electrical outlets, and desks or tables and chairs. There should be a way to display maps, status boards, and other visual aids that could be used on-camera, and a table near the door for the latest news releases, fact sheets, and advisories. If there is room for seating and a podium with PA system, the press room is a good site for all formal news conferences. This allows TV news crews to set-up cameras in advance, and reporters to do stand-ups and call-ins from an easy, central location. See [Section 9520.4, Public Affairs Procedures](#), for suggested equipment needs.

Per Section 2003.01 of the Regional Contingency Plan the JIC is normally staffed with representation from the FOSC, state and local incident command authorities, RP and other agencies in the Unified Command as appropriate.

[See section 2003.01 \(a\) of the Region 9 Contingency Plan for additional information.](#)

2330 Media Contacts

For local media contacts, contact the 11th District Public Affairs office at 510-772-8865 or Mr. Dan Dewell at 510-437-3937. For Coast Guard PACAREA (Pcp) public affairs contact **510-437-3319/3325** or the PACAREA (Pcp) detachment in Los Angeles at **310-732-7351**.

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1-800-852-7550

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Associated Press: 415-495-1708

415-495-5062 fax

AP Los Angeles: 213-626-1200/ 213-346-0200 fax

United Press Int'l: 213-580-9898 / 213-580-9880

2400 Liaison

[Refer to Section 2003.01.2 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2410 Investigators

[Refer to Section 2008 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2420 Federal/State/Local Trustees

[Refer to Section 2007 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2430 Agency Reps

[Refer to Section 2007 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

2440 Stakeholders

[Refer to Section 2007.05 of the Region 9 Contingency Plan](#)

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